



### **FY 2013 Program Accomplishments**

Fund	Dollars	Acres Treated	Contracts
Total EQIP Obligation	\$27.3 M	138,935	1,462
Local County Sub Accts	\$10.1 M	68,136	732
Total Organic	\$512,115	1,195	18
Historically Underserved	\$7.38 M	21,110	250
NWQI	\$1.27 M	3,813	40
CCPI MRBI	\$6.05 M	33,490	188
DALCI	\$407,000	1,594	22
Wildlife	\$446,659	2,998	93
Other Sub Accts	\$1.7 M	5,131	92
Conservation Stewardship Program	\$3.8 M	175,317	381
WHIP	\$386,000	850	14
Total WRP	\$13.9 M	2,829	30
General WRP-Riverine	\$5.6 M	1,376	15
General WRP-Pothole	\$.9 M	135	2
WREP-North Raccoon IDNR	\$1 M	153	1
WREP-MO River 5-state project	\$1.6 M	334	1
WREP-Northern Plains Migratory Bird Habitat Initiative	\$4.8 M	830	11
WRP Restoration		6,437	57
Driftless Area Landscape Conservation Initiative	\$406,785	1,594	22

## **FY13 EQIP Backlog**

Fund	Dollars	Applications
EQIP	\$80 M	3,450
WRP	\$29 M	61

# **Ongoing Program Accomplishments**

Fund	Dollars	Acres Treated	Contracts
Conservation Security Program	\$15.6M	418,000	1,236
Conservation Stewardship Program (FY 10,11, & 12)	\$36.9 M	1.42 M	2,730
Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative	\$121,439	223	7
General CCPI: lowa Natural Heritage Foundation to improve habitat on permanent non- federal easement areas.	\$32,979	191	4
Trout Unlimited: With WI and MN to improve trout stream habitat in NE IA	\$86,460	32	3

## **WRP Easement Monitoring/Restoration**

- Agreements with four RC&Ds to complete easement land monitoring, landowner reviews and land surveys.
- Agreement with private engineering firm to complete easement land monitoring.
- Agreements with two vendors to complete wetland restoration.
- Winnebago SWCD agreement for monitoring and management plan development

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These figures represent projected accomplishments based on our current allocations and do not represent official final results. Sources: ProTracts 9/30/13 and NEST 9/30/2013

## **Successful Partnership Agreements**

NRCS strives maximize our accomplishments through leveraging our funding through agreements and grants. Here's a brief description of these agreements and the partners involved.



**Contribution Agreement** - Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship — Division of Soil Conservation in support of the Iowa Learning Farms Program.

**Contribution Agreements** — Two contribution agreements providing technical support through IDALS-DSC and Iowa Soybean Association to design and install conservation practices within the Mississippi River Basin Initiative.

**Contribution Agreement** — with IDALS-DSC to provide technical assistance across lowa.



**Contribution Agreement** — the Farm Bill agreement with Conservation Districts of Iowa provided funding for Soil and Water Conservation

Districts to support technical service delivery to Iowa landowners and operators. This partnership effort also included the Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship.



#### **Cooperative Agreements**

lowa Soybean Association to collect data and analyze informa-

tion to be used for adaptive nitrogen management.



**Contribution Agreement** — lowa Department of Natural Resources in support of woodland management planning technical assistance

#### **MRBI**

lowa currently has 18 MRBI projects were farmers receive higher payment rates on selected conservation practicces that help manage and optimize nitrogen and phosphorus within fields.

In fiscal year 2013, Iowa NRCS provided technical assistance as well as more than \$6 million in financial assistance to apply conservation plans and practices in these watersheds

#### FY 2013 Conservation Innovation Grants

USDA recently awarded \$13.3 million for 33 national Conservation Innovation Grants to help improve conservation on agricultural land. Two of the 33 were based in Iowa: Iowa State University of Science and Technology (\$485,850) for demonstrating cover crop mixtures on Iowa farmland: and Women, Food and Agriculture Network (\$525,043) for engaging Midwest women farmland owners in improving conservation and soil health.

In addition to these two national CIG recipients, Iowa NRCS has awarded 10 statewide CIG for \$580,174. Here's a breakdown of Iowa's CIG grant recipients:

- Cedar Basin Consulting, \$75,000, Improving Soil Carbon and Nitrogen Management through Soil Quality Testing and Nitrogen Management;
- Iowa Learning Farms, \$75,000, Evaluating Planting Techniques for the Successful Establishment of Cover Crop Mixtures and Single Species in Iowa;
- lowa League of RC&Ds, \$74,520, Interpreting Agriculture and Conservation Systems Along Iowa's Byways;

- Boone County SWCD, \$40,000, Mobile Soil Health Outreach Laboratory;
- Tree Forever Inc., \$28,000, Outreach to Landowners and Resource Professionals for Long Term Reductions in Nutrient Loading;
- Drake Agricultural Law Center, \$26,000, Demonstrating Conservation Farm Lease Contracts to Promote Soil Conservation and Health and Nutrient Management;
- Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, \$75,000, Tools and Training for Technical Service Providers providing Farm Flood Mitigation Plans:
- Iowa Soybean Association, \$59,000, Developing a Cover Crop-Soil Health Implementation Planning and Evaluation Protocol for Iowa Farmers;
- City of Griswold, \$62,000, Utilizing Cover Crop Management to Reduce Nitrates in the City of Griswold's Municipal Wells;
- Grant Schultz, \$63,000, Improving Soil Health and Drought Resiliency of Grasslands with Keyline Silvopasture.